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Elizabeth by grace of God queen of England, France and Ireland, defender of the faith etc, to all to whom this present letter shall have come, greetings. Know that among the pleas of land enrolled at Westminster in the presence of Edmund Anderson knight and his associates, our justices of the bench for the Michaelmas term in the 44th and 45th years of our reign roll 128 contains such Surrey: Thomas Jones in his proper person claims against William Fromound gent one messuage, one toft, two gardens, forty acres of land, eight acres of meadow, sixteen acres of pasture, six acres of wood, twelve acres of furze and heath, ten acres of moor and six acres of marsh with pertinents in Morden [Moredon] as his right and inheritance. And in which the same William Fromound did not have entry except after the disseisin thereof which a certain Hugh Hunt thereof unjustly and without right made of the aforementioned Thomas within thirty years already lately elapsed etc. And in respect whereof he says that he himself was seised of the tenement aforesaid with pertinents in his lordship as of fee and right in a time of peace in the time of the present queen taking the profits thereof to the value of etc And in which etc. And thereof the aforesaid suit etc. And the aforesaid William Fromound in his proper person comes and defends his right when etc. And he calls thereof to warrant William Playstowe who is present here in court in his proper person. And freely he warrants the tenement aforesaid with pertinents to him etc. And upon this the aforesaid Thomas claims against the same William Playstowe defendant by his Warrant of the tenement aforesaid with pertinents in the form aforesaid etc. And in respect whereof he says that he himself was seised of the tenement aforesaid with pertinents in his lordship as of fee and right in a time of peace in the time of the present queen taking the profits thereof to the value of etc. And in which etc. And thereof the aforesaid suit etc. And the aforesaid William Playstowe defendant by his warrant defends his right when etc. And furthermore he calls thereof to warrant Richard Humfrey who is present here in court in his proper person. And freely he warrants the tenement aforesaid with pertinents to him etc. And upon this the aforesaid Thomas claims against the same Richard defendant by his warrant of the tenement aforesaid with pertinents in the form aforesaid etc. And in respect whereof he says that he himself was seised of the tenement aforesaid with pertinents in his lordship as of fee and right in a time of peace in the time of the present queen taking the profits thereof to the value of etc. And in which etc. And thereof the aforesaid suit etc. And the aforesaid Richard defendant by his warrant {deletion} defends his right when etc. And he says that the aforesaid Hugh did not disseise the aforementioned Thomas of the tenement aforesaid with pertinents as the same Thomas by his writ and plea aforesaid above supposed. And concerning this he submits to the jury etc. And the aforesaid Thomas seeks licence to discuss. And he has etc. And afterwards the same Thomas reappears here in court in this same term in his proper person. And the aforesaid Richard is allowed solemnly to demand not to reappear but in contempt of court withdraws and defaults. Therefore the judgement is that the aforesaid Thomas recovers his seisin against the aforementioned William Fromound of the tenement aforesaid with pertinents. And that the same William Fromound shall have of the land of the aforesaid William Playstowe to the value of etc. And that the same William Playstowe furthermore shall have of the land of the aforesaid Richard to the value of etc. And the same Richard is in mercy etc. And upon this the aforesaid Thomas seeks a writ of the queen to direct the sheriff aforesaid to cause him to have full seisin of the tenement aforesaid with pertinents. And it is granted to him to return here in 15 days from St Martin's day etc. At which day here comes the aforesaid Thomas in his proper person and the sheriff, namely Thomas Bushope esq now orders that he by virtue of that brief directed to him on 22 November last past cause the aforementioned Thomas Jones to have full seisin of the tenement aforesaid with pertinents just as by that writ was ordered etc. Which all and singular at the request of the aforesaid Thomas Jones the tenor of these presents leads to exemplification. In witness whereof our seal to the letter in the Bench aforesaid deputed to seal is caused to be affixed to these presents. Witnessed by E Anderson at Westminster 29 November in the 45th year of our reign. Scott